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PATIENTS OF UNLICENSED MEDICAL DOCTOR SOUGHT

Doctor Arrested for Practicing Medicine Illegally

San Diego--Representatives of the Medical Board of California and the San Diego Police Department, acting on a warrant obtained through efforts of the San Diego City Attorney's Office, arrested a former doctor who had been practicing without a license for more than four months.

William S. King, whose license to practice medicine was suspended last December, was arrested at his Clairemont Drive office late Friday afternoon by six peace officers. He was taken to the City Jail in Otay Mesa and booked on a five-count complaint for unlawfully practicing medicine, misrepresenting himself as a licensed physician after his license had been suspended and for false and misleading advertising.

King is being held at the City Jail in Otay Mesa on \$250,000 bail and will be video arraigned tomorrow morning in Department 23 of the San Diego Municipal Court.

King had established Internet Websites - one at www.drking@sd.znet,com and another at www.askdrking.com - and attempted to use them to sell prospective patients "anti-aging" hormones, vitamins and supplements and medical remedies for conditions ranging from arterial sclerosis, Alzheimer disease, osteosclerosis and macular degeneration.

The City Attorney's Office and the Medical Board want to warn anyone who may have been treated by King since December, 1997, that they have been given medical advice by someone unlicenced to give it. Victims are urged to both seek lawful medical advice and to contact Nancy Fonzi at the State Medical Board at (619) 467-6830.